



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:)
HARRY J. LAST)
SERIAL NO.: 09/829,802)
FILED: APRIL 10, 2001) GROUP ART UNIT NO. 3751
TITLE: CABLE OPERATED POOL)
COVER SYSTEM USING)
BUOYANT-SLAT POOL COVERS)
EXAMINER: CHARLES E. PHILLIPS)

DECLARATION OF LILIANA CANCINO IN SUPPORT OF
REQUEST TO REVIVE AN ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

COMES NOW, LILIANA CANCINO, and states and declares as
follows:

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Schaap, A Law Corporation, and have been for many years.

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I do know that we have never received a copy of the Office Action dated May 2, 2002, or any other paper about that time related to this application. Otherwise, I would have brought the matter to Mr. Schaap's attention. I know that he would have immediately taken some action. I am also aware that this application is important to the client.

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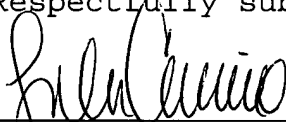
I have also personally examined the file of this application, and I have examined the other files of Aquamatic Cover Systems, Inc., the assignee of this application. We have found no Office Letter dated May 2, 2002, or otherwise, any paper requesting a further response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2002.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and

belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

Dated: 3/14, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

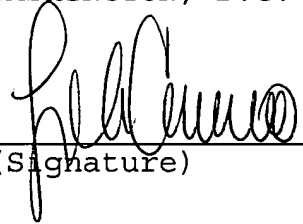


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